

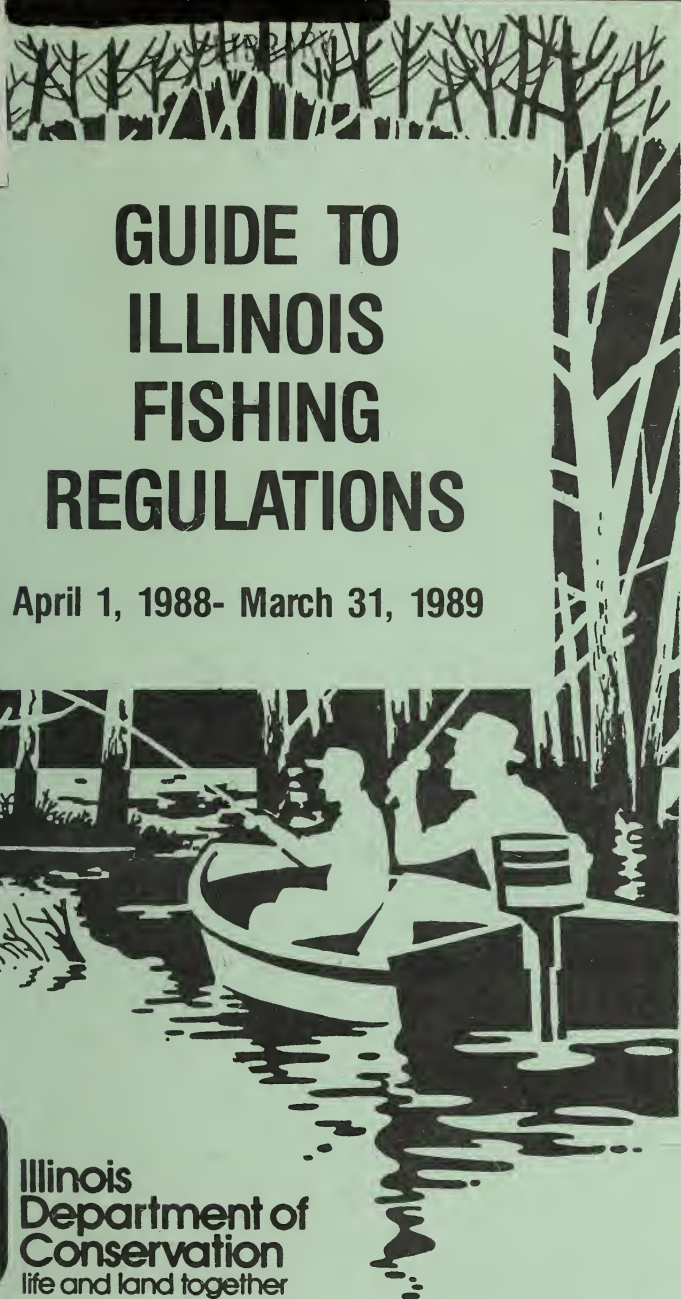
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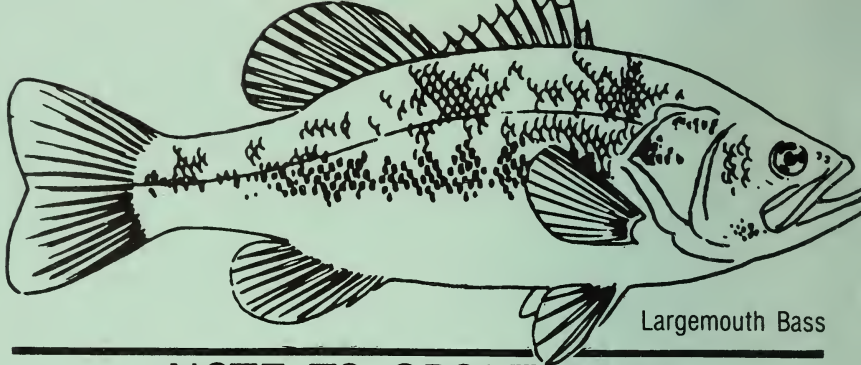
# GUIDE TO ILLINOIS FISHING REGULATIONS

April 1, 1988- March 31, 1989



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Largemouth Bass

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## NOTE TO SPORTSMAN

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There is every reason to believe that fishing in Illinois will be as good or better in the future as it is now. The key to maintaining fishing in Illinois is our anglers.

Without the commitment of anglers to support the fishing regulations on a given lake, quality fishing on that lake cannot be maintained year to year. The success of most fishing regulations depends on anglers being willing to observe the rules voluntarily as law enforcement activities alone would be ineffective in enforcing such regulations.

The inevitable necessity of changing fishing regulations on a given water area as the fish population structure and abundance changes requires the angler to be aware of whether a regulation is "on" or "off." Anglers must take the time to find out the current regulations for a particular lake before going fishing.

Even though many questions may be raised concerning the management of individual lakes with specific fishing regulations, one thing is certain. Through the cooperation of anglers, law enforcement officers, and fisheries biologists, Illinois will have the promise of better fishing.

GOOD FISHING!

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Covering the Fishing Season:  
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## ABOUT THE BOOKLET

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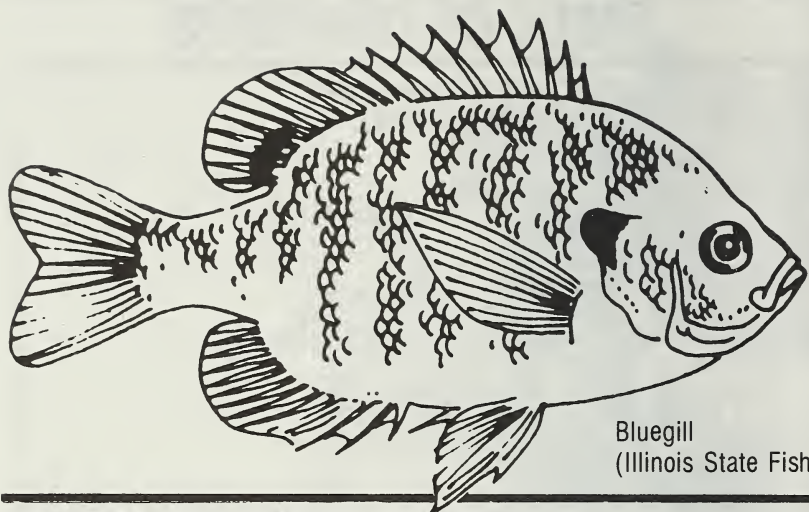
This booklet on fishing in Illinois contains information regarding the current year's fishing regulations as well as other material on fishing opportunities, Department Awards Programs, sport fish health advisories, fish facts, and locations of Regional Fisheries Offices. Anglers should pay particular attention to the section on **SITE SPECIFIC REGULATIONS** which contains individual water area regulations in effect in addition to the **STATEWIDE REGULATIONS**.

The "GUIDE TO ILLINOIS FISHING REGULATIONS" represents an up-to-date accounting of fishing regulations in Illinois written in non-legal, informative terms to explain the intent of the **FISH CODE** (Chapter 56, Illinois Revised Statutes) and to present **SITE SPECIFIC REGULATIONS** organized by water area. In "emergency situations," **SITE SPECIFIC REGULATIONS** covered by Administrative Rule, Part 810 may change in accordance with provisions of the Rule. Any changes to **SITE SPECIFIC REGULATIONS** for a particular water area are posted at the site, published in the local newspaper, and in the Department's "Outdoor Highlights." In addition, copies of the changes may be obtained by contacting any District or Regional Fisheries Office or by writing the Department of Conservation, Division of Fisheries, 524 S. 2nd St., Springfield, Illinois 62706.



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Bluegill  
(Illinois State Fish)

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## SPORT FISHING LICENSE

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### Illinois Residents:

A resident sport fishing license may be obtained by anyone who has been a resident of Illinois 30 days prior to purchase. Anglers under 16 years of age, 65 years or over, and persons declared legally disabled or blind<sup>1</sup>, may fish without a license. Owners or tenants (if they reside on the land) may fish in waters on or flowing over their lands without a license. This exemption does not apply to club and organizational lakes or lake developments.

Persons on active duty in the Armed Forces are considered residents. A person on active duty in the Armed Forces, who entered the service from Illinois and is an Illinois resident, may fish without a license while on leave.

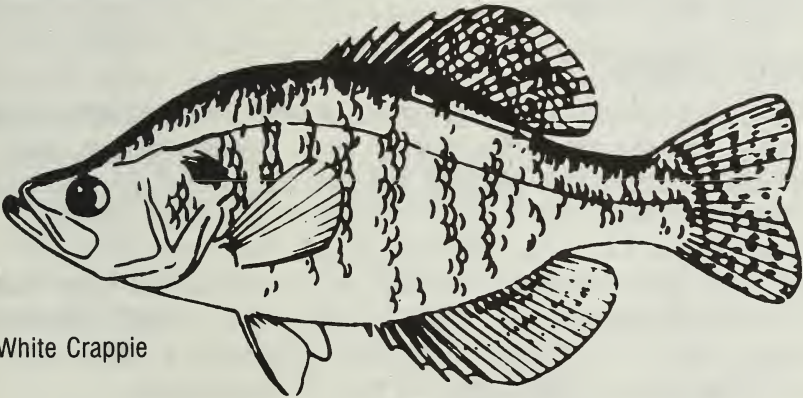
### Non-Residents:

Non-residents of Illinois may purchase sport fishing licenses to fish waters of the state. Non-resident anglers under 16 years of age may fish without a license. All other non-resident anglers must purchase sport fishing licenses before fishing in Illinois (except in licensed fee fishing areas).

Resident or non-resident anglers who fish at Fee Fishing Areas licensed by the Department of Conservation are not required to have a license.

Anglers must have their license in possession at all times while fishing. Licenses expire on March 31 each year. Current fees are (includes agent's fee):

Resident sport fishing; annual	\$7.50
Resident sport fishing; 65 years old and over	NONE NEEDED
Resident sport fishing; under 16 years of age	NONE NEEDED
Resident sport fishing; disabled, blind	NONE NEEDED
Resident and non-resident sport fishing;	
1 day, Lake Michigan only	\$2.50
Non-resident sport fishing; 10 days	\$8.50
Non-resident sport fishing; annual, reciprocal	(minimum \$15.50
Sportsman License	\$13.75
(combined hunting and fishing licenses)	
Salmon Stamp (licensed anglers only)	\$2.50



White Crappie

<sup>1</sup> In order for disabled or blind persons who are Illinois residents to fish without a license, the person must be able to show proof of disability in the form of one of the following:

1. A State disabled person ID card (available from the Secretary of State through the drivers license examining station) showing a Class 2 or Class 2A disability.
2. Veterans disability card.
3. Green Public Aid disability card.

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# SUMMARY OF FISHING REGULATIONS

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## ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

The fisheries of Illinois are administered to assure conservation and enhancement of the fishery resource and for the equity of the fishing public, while providing for maximum enjoyment. Statutes provide the framework by which fishing opportunities are administered. These opportunities, however, are sometimes subject to a variety of regulations, depending on local site conditions and situations peculiar to a particular fishery. These detailed regulations are set forth in administrative rules. Such rules are enforced in the same manner as are provisions of the statutes, and are subject to the same penalties.

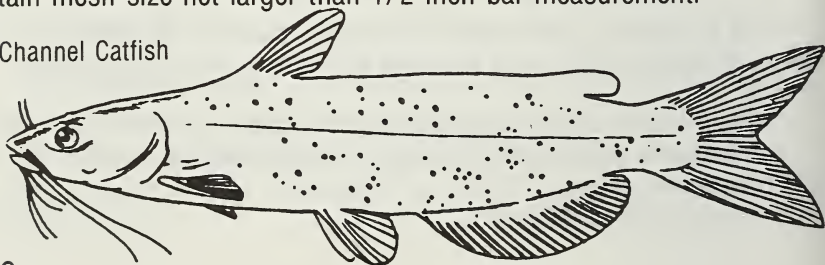
## AQUATIC LIFE

Aquatic Life is statutorily defined as all fish, reptiles, amphibians, crayfish, and mussels.

## BAIT FISHING

A sport fishing license permits the use of legal sized cast nets, shad scoops, and minnow seines to obtain shad, alewife, minnows, and crayfish to use as bait, provided that they are not sold. All cast nets shall be not larger than 8 feet in diameter or of a mesh size not larger than  $\frac{3}{8}$  inch bar measurement. All shad scoops shall not be larger than 30 inches in diameter, of a mesh size not larger than  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch bar measurement, or longer than 4 feet in length. Minnow seines shall not be longer than 20 feet, deeper than 6 feet, or contain mesh size not larger than  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch bar measurement.

Channel Catfish





## **CLEANING FISH ON WATERS**

No fish entrails or carcass may be disposed of into the waters of Illinois after cleaning. No person may remove the head or tail of a fish, alter its length, or dress fish to which length limits apply while on the waters where said length limits are enforced.

## **COMMERCIAL FISH**

The minimum size limit on fish taken commercially, or by commercial fishermen for market is 15 inches in total length for: channel catfish, flathead catfish, blue catfish, and white catfish. There is no size limit on carp, drum, bullhead, buffalo, shovelnose sturgeon, paddlefish, sucker, gar (except alligator gar), bowfin, eel, yellow perch, chub, mooneye, goldeye, carpsuckers, and smelt. All other species may not be taken commercially, but if caught incidentally must be returned immediately to waters where taken.

## **COMMERCIAL FISHING LICENSE**

A commercial fishing license is required for any person who uses a commercial device to take fish, minnows, frogs, or mussels. A resident commercial fishing license can be issued only to persons who have resided in Illinois for at least a year. The commercial fishing license expires March 31 annually. In addition, the holder of this license must obtain a license for each commercial device fished.

Mussels, except Federal endangered species, may be taken by hand to use as bait; the daily and possession limit is 25.

Yellow Bass



## CRAYFISH

Crayfish may be taken for bait, using seine no longer than 20 feet or deeper than 6 feet and with mesh no larger than 1/2 inch. The rusty crayfish may be distinguished by a rusty-red band on the large pincers (claws).

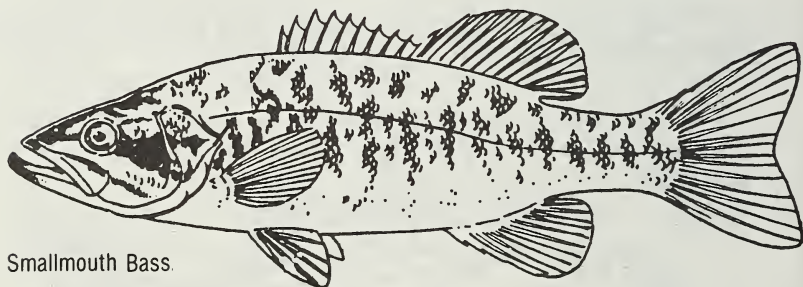
The Department of Conservation discourages the use of rusty crayfish. This species destroys aquatic vegetation and eats the eggs of various fishes, which negatively affects their reproduction.

## DAILY FEE FISHING AREA

A sport fishing license is not required to fish in a Department of Conservation licensed daily fee fishing area.

## DIP NET

A sport fishing license allows the holder to take smelt in Lake Michigan with a dip net not exceeding 12 feet in diameter and having a mesh size not less than 1 inch diagonal stretch. In other waters carp, carpsuckers, buffalo, and gizzard shad may be taken with a dip net up to 15 feet in diameter and with a mesh size no less than 1 1/2 inches bar measure. Such equipment may not be used within 100 feet of a dam or to take game fish.



Smallmouth Bass.

## ENDANGERED AND THREATENED SPECIES

There are 12 species of fish in Illinois currently on the endangered and threatened species list and may not be taken. They are: BIGEYE

CHUB, BLUEBREAST DARTER, BLUEHEAD SHINER, HARLEQUIN DARTER, CISCO, LONGNOSE SUCKER, ALLIGATOR GAR, PUGNOSE SHINER, BLACKNOSE SHINER, BANTAM SUNFISH, LAKE WHITEFISH, AND LAKE STURGEON.

The state threatened river otter is occasionally taken in nets of commercial fishermen. Reporting of accidental captures should be made to a Department of Conservation Region Office (see page 51) or the Endangered Species Coordinator (217-785-8774).

## **FISH PRESERVES**

All waters under state jurisdiction are statutorily fish preserves, open only to sport fishing. However, certain waters are open to commercial fishing by administrative rule. These waters include: Lake Michigan (limited entry), Mississippi River (except Quincy Bay), Illinois River (except from the Illinois Route 89 Bridge upstream), Wabash River, Little Wabash River, Skillet Fork, and portions of the Embarras River, Sangamon River, Kaskaskia River, Big Muddy River, and Cache River.

## **FROGS**

A sport fishing license is required to take bullfrogs. Firearms, air-guns, gas guns or commercial fishing devices such as hoop nets, traps or seines are not allowed in the taking of bullfrogs.

## **ICE FISHING**

A sport fishing license is required for ice fishing: the ice angler may use not more than two poles or tipups with no more than two hooks on each line. Holes cut in the ice are limited to 12 inch diameter or less. Shelter structures are limited to portable construction of metal or wood framework, covered with canvas, paper, plastic material or similar fabric. Each shelter shall have name and address of owner attached, and after March 1 the shelter must be removed when not in use and not left unattended at any time. All poles and tipups shall be constantly attended and kept under observation by the angler.

## **ILLEGAL DEVICES**

Use of the following devices in the taking of aquatic life is prohibited: electricity or electrical devices, lime, acid, medical, chemical or mechanical compound, dope, drugs, fishberry, dynamite, nitroglycerine or other explosive, snare, treated grain, firearms, air gun, gas gun, wire basket, wire seine, wire net, wire trotline or limb lines of any kind.

## **MINNOWS**

A minnow is statutorily defined as any fish in the Cyprinidae except carp and goldfish.

## **POLLUTION**

The Department of Conservation cooperates with the Environmental Protection Agency in making pollution investigations. Anglers are often the first to observe pollution, and their assistance is invited in reporting these instances to District and Regional Fisheries Biologists, to a Conservation Police Officer or to the Division of Fisheries in Springfield.

It is unlawful for waste or sewage to be discharged into waters so as to kill aquatic life. It is also unlawful to abandon or deposit wire, cans, bottles, glass, paper, trash, rubbish, cardboard, wood cartons, boxes, trees, brush or other insoluble materials into the water or on the ice, or at any place on the bank where such debris is liable to be washed into the water. Strict penalties are provided for violation of this section of the statute.

## **PROPERTY**

Consideration for others is a philosophy of the sportsman. Consent of the landowner or occupant of the premises must be obtained before fishing or attempting to take minnows, turtles, crayfish or frogs on another's property or within waters other than public waters of the state. Care should be taken not to cause damage to the property.

## **SALE OF FISH**

No fish, bullfrogs, turtles or parts thereof (including eggs) taken by



sport fishing license methods (including snagging) may be bought, sold or bartered.

## SALMON STAMP

Anglers are required to purchase a "Salmon Stamp" prior to taking of salmon or trout. Fees are (including agent's fees):

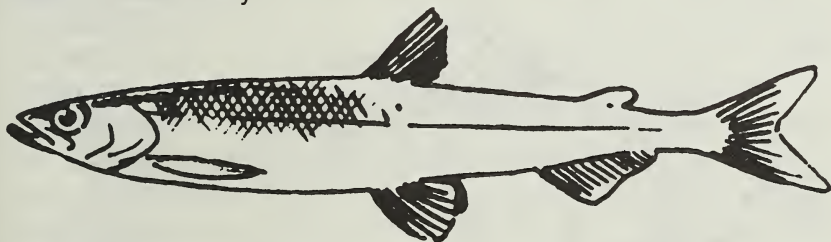
Resident and non-residential; annual .....	\$2.50
Resident; 65 years old and over .....	NONE NEEDED
Resident and non-resident under 16 years of age...	NONE NEEDED
Resident; disabled, blind .....	NONE NEEDED
Resident and non-resident fishing in licensed Fee	
Fishing Area .....	NONE NEEDED

## SEASONS

Sport fishing is open year round, except as noted in the site specific regulations section.

## SMELT

A sport fishing license entitles the angler to take smelt. Waters of Lake Michigan comprise Illinois' smelt fishery. Smelt may be taken with a seine or gill net not more than 12 feet long, 6 feet deep, and with mesh size not more than 1 1/2 inches diagonal stretch or by dip net not more than 12 feet in diameter with mesh size not less than 1 inch diagonal stretch. Trolley or power lines may also be used by the sport fisherman in taking smelt (see Trot and Trolley Line section). No person shall operate more than one smelt net device at any one time. All fish taken other than smelt must be returned immediately.



RAINBOW SMELT

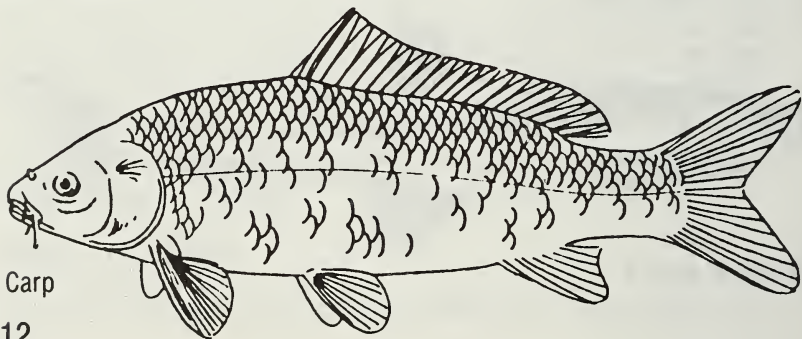
## SNAGGING

Licensed anglers may snag for certain fish year-round within 300 yards downstream below all locks and dams on the Illinois and Mississippi Rivers and within a 100 yard limit upstream of downstream of the dam at Horseshoe Lake in Alexander County. In these areas the following species may be taken: carp, buffalo, freshwater drum, paddlefish (2 per day), bowfin, gizzard shad, carpsuckers, longnose and shortnose gar, and suckers (except longnose sucker).

Snagging for chinook or coho salmon only (5 per day, singly or collectively) is permitted from the Lake Michigan shoreline in the Lincoln Park Lagoon from the Fullerton Avenue Bridge to the southern end of the lagoon; Waukegan Harbor; Jackson Harbor (inner & outer harbors); Winnetka Power Plant discharge area and the Waukegan Power Plant discharge area. Dates for this snagging will be announced publicly by the Department of Conservation. No snagging is allowed at any time within 200 feet of a moored watercraft or as otherwise posted. It is illegal to buy, sell or barter any salmon or parts thereof (including eggs) taken by snagging.

## SPEARING

Carp, buffalo, suckers, gar (except alligator gar), and bowfin may be taken with spear or gig, pitchfork, underwater spear gun, bow and arrow or archery device. Frogs may be taken with spear or gig, though use of firearms, airguns or gas guns are prohibited as are commercial fishing devices such as hoop nets, traps or seines.



Carp

## **SPORT FISH**

Principal sport fish are the muskellunge, tiger muskie, northern pick, walleye, sauger, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, spotted bass, warmouth, striped bass, hybrid striped bass, white bass, yellow bass, sunfish, bluegill, crappie, trout, and salmon. These may be taken only with sport fishing devices by anglers having sport fishing licenses. Other species such as catfish, yellow perch, freshwater drum, and carp are considered both sport and commercial fish, and the means of taking and purposes for which they are taken prescribes the type of license required. Still other species are considered commercial fish, though when taken on sport fishing devices an angler must have a sport fishing license. A fourth category is endangered and threatened species (See Endangered and Threatened Species.)

## **SPORT FISHING LICENSE**

A sport fishing license entitles an angler to take fish, crayfish, turtles or bullfrogs within limits denoted in the Statewide Catch and Size Limits Table, except for endangered and threatened species. It is unlawful to sell any aquatic life, or parts thereof, taken by a sport fishing license. Devices permitted by the sport fishing license include: bank pole and line, dip net, throw line, trot line, buoyed device (jug fishing) or otherwise legal devices not exceeding 50 hooks in total. Also permitted are legal sized cast nets, shad scoops, and minnow seines for bait fishing. Two untagged sport fishing devices under the angler's immediate control are allowed; each device more than two must be tagged with the angler's name and address. If attached to a tree, the device must be attached only to the main trunk below the water line. Smelt may be taken in Lake Michigan with a seine, gill net or dip net. A seine or gill net shall not exceed 12 feet in length, 6 feet in depth and have a mesh size not more than 1½ inches diagonal stretch. A gill net shall not exceed 12 feet in diameter and have a mesh size not more than 1 inch diagonal stretch. No person shall operate more than one smelt device at any one time.

Special fishing regulations at certain water areas prohibit the use of some devices or number of devices; please check the site specific regulations which are contain in this document and are posted at sites (boat ramps and site offices) where applicable.

## **STOCKING**

Fish may be released into the waters from which they were taken, but permission from the Department of Conservation must be secured before releasing fish in other waters.

## **TAGGED FISH**

Fisheries biologists attach tags to many fish for research purposes. Please report all tags found. If the fish is kept, return the tag to the address printed on the tag or the local fisheries office in your area. Tags found in released fish should also be reported by left in the fish in good condition. Information regarding the type of fish caught, the length and the weight of the fish and the tag number, if present should also be reported.

## **TAGGED FISHING TOURNAMENT PERMIT**

Where prizes are offered for tagged or marked fish, a permit is required by the Department of Conservation for the following waters:

- 1) state owned waters
- 2) waters managed by the state through a cooperative agreement
- 3) water managed by the state through a lease
- 4) Carlyle Lake
- 5) Lake Shelbyville
- 6) Rend Lake

Applications for a permit will be made in writing to the Department of Conservation, Division of Fisheries, at least 60 days prior to the first tournament date.

Issuance or denial of a permit shall be based upon the Department of Conservation's assessment of the capability of the fishery resource to absorb the tournament with minimal impact.



Items to be considered include:

- 1) Species sought
- 2) Biological status of population(s) of species sought
- 3) Length of tournament
- 4) Projected tournament fishing pressure
- 5) Provisions for obtaining, tagging, holding, handling and/or releasing fish
- 6) Safety
- 7) Potential boater-user conflicts

Failure to acquire a permit as referenced above is a petty offense and will result in denial of future applications for a Tagged Fishing Tournament Permit by that applicant, sponsor or group for a period up to five (5) years.

## **TROLLING**

Trolling is permissible, provided the angler has not more than three poles and lines with not more than two hooks or lures on each.

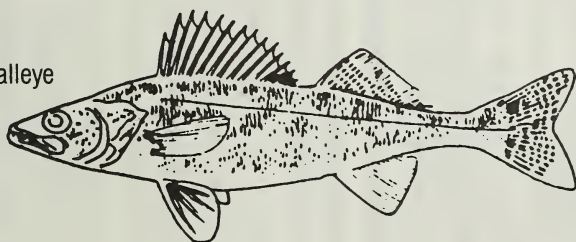
## **TROT AND TROLLEY LINES**

Hooks on trot lines, throw lines, and similar devices shall be spaced not less than 24 inches apart, except on trolley or power lines used in Lake Michigan.

## **TURTLES**

Turtles may not be taken by commercial fishing devices, including hoop nets, traps or seines, or by using firearms, air guns or gas guns. Turtles may be taken only by hand or by hook and line. Locating turtles by rodding and then taking them by hand is permissible.

Walleye



# PLACES TO FISH

## ILL. DEPT. OF CONSERVATION OWNED OR LEASED AREAS

	Acres	Boat Fishing	Boat Rental	Ramps	Water Skiing	Motors*	Swimming	Camp/Picnic	Special Regs.	LM Bass	SM Bass	Bluegill	Crappie	Sunfish	Catfish	Bullhead	Carp	Y Perch	White Bass	Striped Bass	N. Pike	Walleye	Yellow Bass	Hybrid Striper	OTHER
Anderson Lake, Fulton	1364	X	X	X	X		X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X							
Argyle Lake, McDonough	95	X	X	X		10		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X									Trout, Tiger Muskie
Baldwin Lake, Randolph	2018	X		X		50		P	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X						X	X	
Banner Marsh, Peoria	135	X		X		10			X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X				X	X			
Beaver Dam, Macoupin	57	X	X	X		0		X	X	X		X	X	X	X										Trout
Clinton Lake, DeWitt	5000	X	X	X		X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					X	X	X	Trout Tiger Muskie
Coffeen Lake, Montgomery	1100	X		X		25		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X							X		
Dale Lake, Wayne	194	X	X	X		10		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X								
Dolan Lake, Hamilton	71	X	X	X		10		X	X	X		X	X	X	X										
Ferne Clyffe, Johnson	16					0		X	X	X		X	X	X											Trout
Forbes Lake, Marion	525	X	X	X		X		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X				X		
Frank Holten Lakes, St. Clair	150	X		X		10			X	X		X	X	X	X	X									
Gladstone Lake, Henderson	27	X		X		0		X	X	X		X	X	X	X										
Heidecke Lake, Grundy	1955	X		X	X	X		P	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	X	X	Tiger Muskie
Hennepin Canal, Bureau	—	X		X		A		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X	X			
Horseshoe Lake, Alexander	1890	X	X	X		10		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X						X		
Horseshoe Lake, Madison	2430	X		X		25		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X								
I&M Canal, Will/Grundy	—							X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X								Tiger Muskie
Johnson Sauk, Henry	58	X	X	X		0		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X				X				
Jones Lake, Saline	105	X	X	X		10		X	X	X		X	X	X	X										
Kickapoo Lakes, Vermilion	184	X		X		0		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								
Lake Carlton, Whiteside	77	X	X	X		10		X	X	X		X	X	X	X								X		Muskie
Lake George, Rock Island	167	X	X	X		0		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X					X			Tiger Muskie
Lake Le-Aqua-Na, Stephenson	43	X	X	X		0		X	X	X		X	X		X	X					X	X			
LaSalle Lake, LaSalle	2050	X		X		X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X			X	X	X	Tiger Muskie
Lincoln Trail, Clark	146	X	X	X		10		X	X	X		X	X	X	X										Warmouth
Lyerla Lake, Union	260		X			10			X			X	X	X	X	X	X								Warmouth
Marshall County, Marshall	2557	X	X	X		X		X		X		X	X		X	X	X								
Mermet Lake, Massac	452	X		X		10		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X									
Milliken Lake, Will	22					0		P	X	X		X		X	X										
Moraine Hills, McHenry	95	X	X			0		P	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X								
Moraine View, McLean	150	X	X	X		10		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X					X				Warmouth
Murphysboro, Jackson	144	X	X	X		10		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X					X				
Newton Lake, Jasper	1755	X		X		10			X			X	X	X	X	X	X								
Pekin Lake, Tazewell	548	X				X		X				X	X	X	X	X							X		
Pierce Lake, Winnebago	162	X	X	X		10		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X								Muskellunge
Powerton Lake, Tazewell	1426	X		X		X			X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X				X		



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Pyramid Lakes, Perry	135	X	X	X	10		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X										
Ramsey Lake, Fayette	47	X	X	X	0		X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X										
Randolph County Lake, Randolph	65	X	X	X	10		X	X		X	X		X	X	X	X										
Red Hills, Lawrence	40	X	X	X	0		X	X	X		X		X	X	X	X										
Rend Lake, (change)																										
Rice Lake, Fulton	1383	X	X	X	X		X		X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X						X		
Sam Parr, Jasper	180	X		X	10		P	X	X			X	X	X	X	X										
Sanganois, Cass	1550	X	X	X	10			X				X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X				X		
Sangchris, Christian	2165	X	X	X	25		X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X			X						
Shabbona, DeKalb	319	X	X	X	10		X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X							X		Muskellunge	
Siloam Springs, Adams	58	X	X	X	0		X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X								Trout	
Silver Springs, Kendall	16	X		X	0		P	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X									Trout	
Sparland, Marshall	1300	X		X	X		P	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X									
Spring Lake (North), Tazewell	675	X	X	X	25		X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X				Muskellunge	
Spring Lake (South) Tazewell	578	X	X	X	25		X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X										
Turner Lake, Lake	34	X			0		X	X	X			X				X		X			X					
Walnut Point, Douglas	59	X		X	0		X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X										
Washington County																										
Lake, Washington	225	X	X	X	10		X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X							X		Warmouth	
Weldon Springs, DeWitt	29	X	X	X	0		X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X										
Wolf Lake, Cook	419	X	X	X	10		P	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X				
Woodford County Cons. Area, Woodford	2790	X	X	X	X		X		X			X	X		X	X	X									
ADDITIONAL MAJOR FISHING AREAS																										
Carlyle; Clinton, Fayette & Bond	24,580	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	Sauger	
(U.S. Corps of Engineers, fishery managed by Ill. Department of Conservation)																										
Cedar Lake; Jackson	1750	X		X	10	X		X	X			X	X	X	X	X							X			
(City of Carbondale and U.S. Forest Service)																										
Chain O'Lakes; Lake & McHenry	6465	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X					X	X	X	Muskellunge
(At least 10 major natural lakes in Fox River watershed)																										
Crab Orchard; Williamson	7000	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		
(U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service)																										
Devil's Kitchen; Williamson	810	X	X	X	10		X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X									Trout	
(U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service)																										
Glen Shoals Lake, Montgomery	1200	X	X	X	X	X	P	X	X			X	X	X	X	X							X		Tiger Muskie	
Governor Bond Lake, Bond	775	X	X	X	X	120	P	X	X			X	X	X	X	X							X			
Kinkaid Lake; Jackson	2750	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X			X			X		Spotted Bass	
(U.S. Forest Service and Ill. Dept. of Cons.)																										
Lake of Egypt; Johnson	2400	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X									
Lake Michigan; **Cook & Lake	976,640	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								X	X						Salmon, Trout, Smelt	
Lake Springfield, Sangamon	4234	X		X	X	X	P	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X		X				X		Tiger Muskie	

# Little Grassy; Williamson

(U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service)

## Mill Creek Lake; Clark

(Clark County Park District)

## Otter Lake, Macoupin

## Rend Lake; Franklin &

## Jefferson

(U.S. Corps of Engineers, fishery managed by Ill. Department of Conservation)

## Shelbyville; Shelby &

## Moultrie

(U.S. Corps of Engineers, fishery managed by Ill. Department of Conservation)

\*10 = 10 h.p. limit; X = no h.p. limit; 0 = no outboard motors allowed

A = 10 h.p. limit except from Lock 24 west to Rt. 82 bridge

\*\*Charter boat fishing available; call Department of Conservation at 312/793-2590 for further information.

### SPECIAL REGULATIONS:

Those lakes marked with an (X) in these tables have regulations which differ from the statewide regulations. Please check the special regulations section of this publication or as posted at each lake where applicable. All regulations and activities are subject to change.

Acres	Boat Fishing	Boat Rental	Ramps	Water Skiing	Motors*	Swimming	Camp/Picnic	Special Regs.	LM Bass	SM Bass	Bluegill	Crappie	Sunfish	Catfish	Bullhead	Carp	Y. Perch	White Bass	Striped Bass	N. Pike	Walleye	Yellow Bass	Hybrid Striper	OTHER
1000	X	X	X		10	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								
811	X		X	X	X			X	X		X	X	X	X	X							X		
765	X		X	X	115	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X						X		Muskellun
18,900	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X			X		
11,100	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X			X			Muskellun

# STATEWIDE SPORT FISHING REGULATIONS

## FISH OR FROG

## STATEWIDE CATCH AND SIZE LIMITS

Black Bass (includes large-mouth, smallmouth, and spotted bass)

6 fish daily (singly or collectively); 12 inch minimum length limit in the Mississippi River between Illinois and Iowa

Pure Muskie and Tiger Muskie

1 fish daily (singly or collectively); 30 inch minimum length limit

Northern Pike

3 fish daily (except in Mississippi River between Illinois and Iowa where daily limit is 5 fish and in Mississippi River between Illinois and Missouri where the daily limit is 1 fish; 24 inch minimum length limit, except in Mississippi River where there is no size limit

Salmon and Trout (in Lake Michigan)

5 fish daily (singly or collectively, not more than 3 of which may be Lake Trout); minimum length limit of 10 inches



# STATEWIDE SPORT FISHING REGULATIONS

## FISH OR FROG

## STATEWIDE CATCH AND SIZE LIMITS

Salmon and Trout  
(outside Lake Michigan)

5 fish daily (singly or collectively)  
Closed Seasons: Spring (March 15 to 1st Saturday in April) and/or Fall (October 1st to third Saturday in October). (See site regulations for specific areas.)

Striped Bass (includes Ocean Rockfish, White Bass, and their hybrids)

No bag limit for fish less than 17 inches, except in certain waters. Bag limit is 3 in all waters for fish 17 inches in total length or longer

Walleye and Sauger

6 fish daily (singly or collectively, except in the Mississippi River between Illinois and Iowa where the daily catch limit is 10 fish and in the Mississippi River between Illinois and Missouri where the daily limit is 8 fish)

Bullfrog (season June 15 - August 31, both dates inclusive)

8 frog daily limit with 16 possession limit

These are statewide regulations; specific water areas may have regulations which differ and are more restrictive. **Please check the SITE SPECIFIC REGULATIONS which follow and are posted (at boat launches and at site offices) at each water area where applicable.**



White Bass

# SITE SPECIFIC REGULATIONS

**\*Site Specific Regulations are enforced in addition to Statewide Sport Fishing Regulations at the following areas:**

WATER AREA	FISH SPECIES	SITE SPECIFIC REGULATIONS
Apple River Jo Daviess Co.	Trout	Spring Closed Season (=)
Argyle Lake McDonough Co.	Channel Catfish Largemouth Bass Rainbow Trout	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit Final Regulation Not Set (•) Fall Closed Season (×)
Axehead Lake Cook Co.	Trout	Fall Closed Season (×)
Baldwin Lake Randolph Co.	All Crappie Largemouth Bass Str., Wht., Hyb. B (±)	Pole and Line Fishing Only 9" Min. Length-25 Fish Daily 18" Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish 17" or Longer Daily (✓)
Banana Lake Lake Co.	All Channel Catfish Trout	Pole and Line Fishing Only 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit Fall Closed Season (×)
Banner Marsh Lake Lake Co.	All Channel Catfish Largemouth Bass	Pole and Line Fishing Only 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit 14" Minimum Length Limit
Beall Woods Lake Wabash Co.	All Channel Catfish Largemouth Bass Trout	Pole and Line Fishing Only 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit 15" Minimum Length Limit Fall Closed Season (×)

(✓) Striped, White and Hybrid Striped Bass regulations consider all of these fish caught either singly or the aggregate in determining daily catch limits.

(•) Final Regulations to be set in March, 1988. Contact site office or Division of Fisheries Central Office (217-782-6424).

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WATER AREA		FISH SPECIES	SITE SPECIFIC REGULATIONS
Beaver Dam Lake Macoupon Co.		All Channel Catfish Largemouth Bass Trout Crappie Bluegill/Redear Sunfish	Pole and Line Fishing Only 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit 15" Minimum Lenth Limit 3 Fish Daily Creel Limit Fall Closed Season ( × ) 9" Minimum Length Limit 10 Fish Daily Creel Limit 25 Fish Daily (single/aggregate)
Belleau Lake	Cook Co.	Trout	Fall Closed Season ( × )
Bird Park Quarry Kankakee Co.		Trout Trout	Spring Closed Season ( = ) Fall Closed Season ( × )
Borah Lake Richland Co.		All Channel Catfish Largemouth Bass	Pole and Line Fishing Only 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit 14" Minimum Length Limit
Boston Pond Marion Co.		Trout Trout	Spring Closed Season ( = ) Fall Closed Season
Busse Lake - Cook Co. Forest Presv. Dist.		Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
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Campus Pond - Eastern Illinois University Coles Co.		Trout Trout	Spring Closed Season ( = ) Fall Closed Season ( × )
Canton Lake Fulton Co.		All Channel Catfish	Pole and Line Fishing Only 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Canton Park District Trout Pond Fulton Co.		Trout	Fall Closed Season ( × )
Carlyle Lake (Corps Project Boundaries) Clinton Co.		Largemouth Bass Walleye & Sauger Crappie	14" Minimum Length Limit 14" Minimum Length Limit 9" Min. Length Limit - 25 Fish Daily

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WATER AREA		FISH SPECIES	SITE SPECIFIC REGULATIONS
Cave-In-Rock State Park Pond	Hardin Co.	Trout	Fall Closed Season (×)
		Trout	Spring Closed Season (=)
Cedar Lake	Jackson Co.	Walleye & Sauger	14" Minimum Length Limit
		Str., Wht., Hyb. B(±)	17" Minimum Length Limit
		3 Fish Daily Creel Limit (✓)	
		Largemouth Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit
Champaign County Forest Preserve Park Ponds		All	Pole and Line Fishing Only
		Bluegill/Redear	25 Fish Daily (singly/aggregate)
		Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
		Largemouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit
		Smallmouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit
Charleston Side Channel Lake	Coles Co.	All	Pole and Line Fishing Only
		Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Charlie Brown Lake and Pond	Clay Co.	All	Pole and Line Fishing Only
		Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
		Largemouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit
Citizen's Lake (North)	Warren Co.	Trout	Fall Closed Season (×)
Citizen's Lake (North & South)	Warren Co.	All	Pole and Line Fishing Only
		Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
		Largemouth Bass	12-15" Slot Length Limit (☆)
Clear Lake	Vermillion Co.	Trout	Spring Closed Season (=)
		Trout	Fall Closed Season (×)
Clinton Lake	DeWitt Co.	All	Pole and Line Fishing Only (★)
		Largemouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit
		Smallmouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit
		Str., Wht., Hyb. B(±)	3 Fish 17" or Longer Daily (✓)
		Walleye and Sauger	14" Minimum Length Limit

(★) Clinton Lake - Except that sport fishermen will be allowed to use trot lines and bank poles in the portions of the lake that lies north of the Davenport Bridge and northeast of the Parnell Bridge.

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(☆) 12-15" SLOT LENGTH LIMIT - Bass may be taken less than 12" in total length or bass may be taken greater than 15" in total length.

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Coffeen Lake Montgomery Co.	Crappie Largemouth Bass	9" Min. Length - 10 Fish Daily Final Regulations Not Set (•)
Coleta Trout Pond Whiteside Co.	All Trout Trout	Pole and Line Fishing Only Spring Closed Season (=) Fall Closed Season (×)
Cook County Forest Preserv. Dist. Lakes	All	Pole and Line Fishing Only
Coulterville City Lake Randolph Co.	All Channel Catfish	Pole and Line Fishing Only 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Crab Orchard Lake Williamson Co.	All Largemouth Bass Str. Wht., Hyb. B(±)	Pole and Line Fishing Only (±) 15" Minimum Length Limit 17" Min. Len. - 3 Fish Daily (✓)
Crawford County Conservation Area Ponds	All Channel Catfish Largemouth Bass	Pole and Line Fishing Only 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit 15" Minimum Length Limit
Dawson Lake    McLean Co.	Largemouth Bass	12-15" Slot Length Limit (☆)
Dawson Lake and Park Ponds McLean Co.	All Channel Catfish	Pole and Line Fishing Only 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Decatur Park District Ponds Macon Co.	All Channel Catfish	Pole and Line Fishing Only 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Defiance Lake McHenry Co.	All Channel Catfish Largemouth Bass Largemouth Bass	Pole and Line Fishing Only 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit 14" Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Creel Limit

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(□) 1 FISH OVER 15" AND 2 FISH UNDER 15" - Special regulation to permit taking 1 bass 15" or greater in total length and 2 bass less than 15" in total length daily.

(±) Crab Orchard Lake - Pole and line fishing only, except that sport fishermen will be allowed to use trot lines, bank poles, and jugs, and except that the use and aid of underwater breathing devices for the purpose of taking channel catfish and flathead catfish is prohibited.

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WATER AREA	FISH SPECIES	SITE SPECIFIC REGULATIONS
Devil's Kitchen Lake Williamson Co.	All Largemouth Bass	Pole and Line Fishing Only 12-15" Slot Length Limit (☆)
Dixon Springs Ag Center Pond Pope Co.	Trout Trout	Spring Closed Season (=) Fall Closed Season (×)
Dolan Lake Hamilton Co.	All Channel Catfish Largemouth Bass Walleye and Sauger	Pole and Line Fishing Only 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit 14" Minimum Length Limit 14" Minimum Length Limit
Dutchman Lake Johnson Co.	All Channel Catfish	Pole and Line Fishing Only 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
East Fork Lake Richland Co.	All Channel Catfish Largemouth Bass Walleye and Sauger	Pole and Line Fishing Only 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit 12-15" Slot Length Limit (☆) 14" Minimum Length Limit
Faries Park Pond Macon Co.	Trout	Fall Closed Season (×)
Ferne Clyffe Lake Johnson Co.	All Channel Catfish Trout Trout	Pole and Line Fishing Only 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit Spring Closed Season (=) Fall Closed Season (×)
Firehouse Pond - Crab Orchard NWR Williamson Co.	Largemouth Bass	21" Minimum Length Limit
Fitch and Bond Lake Fulton Co.	All Channel Catfish	Pole and Line Fishing Only 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Forbes State Lake Marion Co.	Str., Wht., Hyb. B(±)	3 Fish 17" or Longer Daily (✓)

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WATER AREA	FISH SPECIES	SITE SPECIFIC REGULATIONS
Forbes State Lake and Ponds Marion Co.	All	Pole and Line Fishing Only (†)
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Largemouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit
Forest Park Lagoon Shelby Co.	All	Pole and Line Fishing Only
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Trout	Spring Closed Season (=)
	Trout	Fall Closed Season (×)
Fox Chain O'Lakes (◄) Lake Co.	Walleye and Sauger	16" Minimum Length Limit
	Largemouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit
Fox Ridge Lake Coles Co.	Largemouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit
Frank Holten Lakes St. Clair Co.	All	Pole and Line Fishing Only
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Largemouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit
	Bluegill/Redear	10 Fish Daily (singly/aggregate)
	Trout	Spring Closed Season (=)
	Trout	Fall Closed Season (×)
Gebhard Woods Ponds Grundys Co.	Trout	Spring Closed Season (=)
Gladstone Lake Henderson Co.	All	Pole and Line Fishing Only
	Bluegill/Redear	10 Fish Daily (singly/aggregate)
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Largemouth Bass	12-15" Slot Length Limit (☆)
	Largemouth Bass	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Greenbelt Lake #2 - Lake Co. Forest Presv. Dist.	All	Pole and Line Fishing Only
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Greenville Old City Lake Bond Co.	Trout	Fall Closed Season (×)

(†) Forbes Lake - Except that carp, buffalo, and bowfin may be taken by pitchfork, bow and arrow devices, and gigs.

(◄) Fox Chain O'Lakes - Includes the Fox River south of the Illinois-Wisconsin line to the McHenry Dam.

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Heidecke Lake Grundy Co.	All	Pole and Line Fishing Only
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Largemouth and/or	18" Minimum Length Limit
	Smallmouth Bass	3 Fish Daily (single/aggregate)
	Str., Wht., Hyb. B (±)	3 Fish 17" or Longer Daily (✓)
	Str., Wht., Hyb. B (±)	10 Fish Daily (singly/aggregate)
Hennepin Canal Bureau Co.	Trout	Spring Closed Season (=)
	Trout	Fall Closed Season (×)
Hennepin Canal Mainline and Feeder Canal Multiple Counties	All	Pole and Line Fishing Only (•)
	Largemouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit
Hidden Springs State Forest Ponds Shelby Co.	All	Pole and Line Fishing Only
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Largemouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit
Highland Old City Lake Madison Co.	Trout	Fall Closed Season (×)
Hollows Lake McHenry Co.	Trout	Spring Closed Season (=)
Homer Lake Champaign Co.	All	Pole and Line Fishing Only
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Largemouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit
Hormel Ponds Bureau County	All	Pole and Line Fishing Only
	Channel Catfish	5 Fish Daily Creel
	Largemouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit
Horseshoe Lake Alexander Co.	All	Pole and Line Fishing Only
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Largemouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit
Horseshoe Lake Madison Co.	All	Pole and Line Fishing Only
Horton Lake Hancock Co.	All	Pole and Line Fishing Only
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit

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(•) Except that sport fisherman may take carp, buffalo, gar, bowfin by means of pitchfork and bow and arrow devices during May and June.

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WATER AREA	FISH SPECIES	SITE SPECIFIC REGULATIONS
Illinois & Michigan Canal Grundy & LaSalle Cos.	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Illinois Department of Transportation Lake Sangamon Co.	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Trout	Spring Closed Season (=)
	Trout	Fall Closed Season (×)
Illinois Beach State Park Ponds Lake Co.	All	Pole and Line Fishing Only
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Johnson Sauk Trail Lake Henry Co.	All	Pole and Line Fishing Only
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Largemouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit
Jones Park Lake St. Clair Co.	All	Pole and Line Fishing Only
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Trout	Spring Closed Season (=)
	Trout	Fall Closed Season (×)
Jones State Lake Saline Co.	All	Pole and Line Fishing Only
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Largemouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit
Jones State Lake Pond Saline Co.	Trout	Spring Closed Season (=)
	Trout	Fall Closed Season (×)
Jubilee College State Park Ponds Peoria Co.	All	Pole and Line Fishing Only
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Kaskaskia River and all tributaries Multiple Cos.	Walleye and Sauger	14" Minimum Length Limit
Kent Creek Winnebago Co.	Trout	Spring Closed Season (=)
Kickapoo State Park Lakes and Ponds Vermilion Co.	All	Pole and Line Fishing Only
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Kinkaid Lake Jackson Co.	Largemouth Bass	18" Minimum Length Limit
	Walleye and Sauger	14" Minimum Length Limit
Lake Bloomington McLean Co.	Walleye and Sauger	14" Minimum Length Limit

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WATER AREA	FISH SPECIES	SITE SPECIFIC REGULATIONS
Lake Carlton Whiteside Co.	All	Pole and Line Fishing Only
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Crappie	5 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Largemouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit
	Walleye and Sauger	14" Minimum Length Limit
Lake Charleston Coles Co.	All	Pole and Line Fishing Only
Lake County Forest Preserve Dist. Lakes	All	Pole and Line Fishing Only
Lake Decatur Macon Co.	All	Pole and Line Fishing Only
	Largemouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit
	Walleye and Sauger	14" Minimum Length Limit
Lake George Rock Island Co.	All	Pole and Line Fishing Only
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Largemouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit
	Walleye and Sauger	14" Minimum Length Limit
Lake Glendale Pope Co.	All	Pole and Line Fishing Only
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Lake Jacksonville Morgan Co.	All	Pole and Line Fishing Only
	Largemouth Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit
Lake Kakusha LaSalle Co.	All	Pole and Line Fishing Only
	Bluegill/Redear	10 Fish Daily (singly/aggregate)
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Crappie	10 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Largemouth Bass	14" Min. Length - 3 Fish Daily
Lake Le-Aqua-Na Stephenson Co.	All	Pole and Line Fishing Only
	Bluegill/Redear	10 Fish Daily (singly/aggregate)
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Crappie	5 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Largemouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit
	Walleye and Sauger	14" Minimum Length Limit
Lake Michigan	Trout and Salmon	10" Minimum Length Limit
Lake Milliken Will Co.	All	Pole and Line Fishing Only
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Trout	Spring Closed Season (=)

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WATER AREA	FISH SPECIES	SITE SPECIFIC REGULATIONS
Lake Mingo Vermillion Co.	All Channel Catfish	Pole and Line Fishing Only 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Lake Mingo and Ponds at Kennekuk Cove Park Vermilion Co.	Bluegill / Redear Largemouth Bass	25 Fish Daily (singly/aggregate) 12-15" Slot Length Limit
Lake Murphysboro Jackson Co.	All Bluegill / Redear Channel Catfish Largemouth Bass	Pole and Line Fishing Only 25 Fish Daily (singly/aggregate) 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit 15" Minimum Length Limit
Lake Nellie Fayette Co.	All Channel Catfish Largemouth Bass	Pole and Line Fishing Only 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit 14" Minimum Length Limit
Lake of the Woods Champaign Co.	All Channel Catfish Largemouth Bass Trout	Pole and Line Fishing Only 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit 14" Minimum Length Limit Spring Closed Season (=)
Lake Paradise Coles Co.	All Largemouth Bass	Pole and Line Fishing Only 14" Minimum Length Limit
Lake Paradise Shadow Ponds Coles Co.	All Channel Catfish Largemouth Bass	Pole and Line Fishing Only 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit 14" Minimum Length Limit
Lake Sara Effingham Co.	Largemouth Bass Walleye and Sauger	14" Minimum Length Limit 14" Minimum Length Limit
Lake Shelbyville (Corps Project Boundaries) Moultrie and Shelby Cos.	Crappie Largemouth Bass Walleye and Sauger	9" Min. Length - 25 Fish Daily 14" Minimum Length Limit 14" Minimum Length Limit
Lake Shelbyville Ponds and Woods Lake Moultrie and Shelby Cos.	All Channel Catfish Largemouth Bass	Pole and Line Fishing Only 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit 14" Minimum Length Limit
Lake Shelbyville WMA Ponds Moultrie County	All Channel Catfish Largemouth Bass	Pole and Line Fishing Only 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit 14" Minimum Length Limit
Lake Springfield Sangamon Co.	Largemouth Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit

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Lake Storey Knox Co.	All	Pole and Line Fishing Only
	Bluegill / Redear	25 Fish Daily (single/aggregate)
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Largemouth Bass	12-15" Slot Length Limit
Lake Vandalia Fayette Co.	All	Pole and Line Fishing Only
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Largemouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit
Lake Vermilion Vermillion Co.	Walleye and Sauger	14" Minimum Length Limit
Lake Williamsville Sangamon County	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Largemouth Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit
LaSalle Lake LaSalle Co.	All	Pole and Line Fishing Only
	Largemouth and/or Smallmouth Bass	18" Minimum Length Limit
	Str., Wht., Hyb. B (±)	1 Fish Daily (single/aggregate)
	Str., Wht., Hyb. B (±)	For Fish 17 + " Length - 3 Daily (✓)
Lincoln Log Cabin S.P. Pond Coles Co.	All	10 Fish Daily (single/aggregate)
Lincoln Trail Lake Clark Co.	All	Pole and Line Fishing Only
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Little Cedar Lake Jackson Co.	All	Pole and Line Fishing Only
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Little Grassy Lake Williamson Co.	All	Pole and Line Fishing Only
	Largemouth Bass	12-15" Slot Length Limit (☆)
Little Sister Lake Fulton Co.	All	Pole and Line Fishing Only
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Lyerla Lake Union Co.	All	Pole and Line Fishing Only
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Macon County Cons. District Ponds	All	Pole and Line Fishing Only

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Maple Lake - Cook Co. Forest Presv. Dist.	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Marshall County Conservation Area (Fishing Ditch)	All	Pole and Line Fishing Only
Mattoon Lake Coles Co.	All Largemouth Bass	Pole and Line Fishing Only 14" Minimum Length Limit
Mermet State Lake Massac Co.	All Channel Catfish Largemouth Bass	Pole and Line Fishing Only 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit 14" Minimum Length Limit
Mill Creek Lake Clark Co.	All Channel Catfish Largemouth Bass Walleye and Sauger	Pole and Line Fishing Only 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit 12-15" Slot Length Limit (☆) 14" Minimum Length Limit
Miller Park Lake McLean Co.	All Channel Catfish Trout	Pole and Line Fishing Only 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit Spring Closed Season (=)
Mineral Springs Park Lagoon Peoria Co.	Trout	Fall Closed Season (×)
Mississippi River (between Illinois and Iowa)	Largemouth Bass Northern Pike Smallmouth Bass Walleye and Sauger	12" Minimum Length Limit 5 Fish Daily Creel Limit 12" Minimum Length Limit 10 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Mississippi River (between Illinois and Missouri)	Northern Pike Walleye and Sauger	1 Fish Daily Creel Limit 8 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Mt. Olive City Lakes Macoupin County	All	Pole and Line Fishing Only
Mt. Vernon Game Farm Pond Jefferson Co.	Trout Trout	Fall Closed Season (×) Spring Closed Season (=)
Mundelein Park District Lakes Lake Co.	All Channel Catfish	Pole and Line Fishing Only 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit

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WATER AREA	FISH SPECIES	SITE SPECIFIC REGULATIONS
Nashville City Lake Washington Co.	All	Pole and Line Fishing Only
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Largemouth Bass	18" Minimum Length Limit
Newton Lake Jasper Co.	All	Pole and Line Fishing Only
	Crappie	Final Regulation Not Set (•)
	Largemouth Bass	18" Minimum Length Limit
	Largemouth Bass	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Walleye and Sauger	14" Minimum Length Limit
Oakland City Lake Coles Co.	All	Pole and Line Fishing Only
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Largemouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit
Old School Pond - Lake Co. Presv. District	All	Pole and Line Fishing Only
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
One Horse Gap Lake Gallatin Co.	All	Pole and Line Fishing Only
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Otter Lake Macoupin Co.	Largemouth Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit
	Str., Wht., Hyb. B (±)	17" Min. Length -
		3 Fish Daily (✓)
Pana Lake Christian Co.	All	Pole and Line Fishing Only
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Largemouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit
Paris East and West Lakes Edgar Co.	All	Pole and Line Fishing Only
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Largemouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit
Peelman Lake Vermillion Co.	Largemouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit
	Smallmouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit
Picnic Pond - Crawford County Cons. Area	Trout	Fall Closed Season (×)

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Pierce Lake Winnebago Co.		All	Pole and Line Fishing Only (▲)
		Bluegill/ Redear	5 Fish Daily (singly/aggregate)
		Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
		Crappie	5 Fish Daily Creel Limit
		Largemouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit
		Walleye and Sauger	14" Minimum Length Limit
Pine Creek	Ogle Co.	Trout	Spring Closed Season (=)
Piscasaw Creek	McHenry Co.	Trout	Spring Closed Season (=)
		Trout	9" Minimum Length Limit
Pounds Hollow Lake Gallatin Co.		All	Pole and Line Fishing Only
		Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Powerton Lake Tazwell Co.		All	Pole and Line Fishing Only
		Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
		Largemouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit
Prospect Pond Rock Island Co.		Trout	Fall Closed Season (×)
Pyramid State Park Lakes and Ponds	Perry Co.	All	Pole and Line Fishing Only
		Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Ramsey Lake Fayette Co.		All	Pole and Line Fishing Only
		Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
		Crappie	9" Min. Length - 10 Fish Daily
		Largemouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit
Randolph County Lake		All	Pole and Line Fishing Only
		Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
		Smallmouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit
		Smallmouth Bass	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit
		Trout	Fall Closed Season (×)
		Walleye and Sauger	14" Minimum Length Limit
Red Hills Lake Lawrence Co.		All	Pole and Line Fishing Only
		Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit

(▲) Pierce Lake - Except that sport fishermen may take carp by means of pitchfork, bow and arrow devices, and gigs during May and June.

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Rend Lake Franklin County	All	Pole and Line Fishing Only
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Largemouth Bass	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit 14" Minimum Length Limit
Rock Creek Kankakee Co.	Trout	Spring Closed Season ( = )
Rock Springs Pond Macon Co.	All	Pole and Line Fishing Only
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Trout	Spring Closed Season ( = )
Rust Lake Randolph Co.	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Sag Quarry (East) Cook Co.	Trout	Fall Closed Season ( × )
Sam Dale Lake Wayne Co.	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Largemouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit
Sam Dale Lake and Conserv. Area Pond Wayne Co.	All	Pole and Line Fishing Only
Sam Dale Trout Pond Wayne Co.	Trout	Spring Closed Season ( = )
	Trout	Fall Closed Season ( × )
Sam Parr Lake Jasper Co.	All	Pole and Line Fishing Only
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Sand Lake Lake Co.	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Largemouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit
Sangchris Lake Christian County	Crappie	9" Min. Length-25 Fish Daily
	Largemouth Bass	15" Min. Length-3 Fish Daily
Sangchris Lake and Park Ponds Christian Co.	All	Pole and Line Fishing Only

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Shabbona Lake DeKalb Co.	All	Pole and Line Fishing Only
	Bluegill/Redear	10 Fish Daily (singly/aggregate)
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Crappie	10 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Largemouth and/or Smallmouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit 1 Fish Daily (single/aggregate)
	Walleye and Sauger	14" Minimum Length Limit
Shawnee Forest Lakes and Ponds Multiple Southern Illinois Counties	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Shawnee Forest Lakes and Ponds (less 10 acres) Multiple Southern Illinois Counties	Largemouth Bass	12" Minimum Length Limit
Siloam Springs Lake Adams Co.	All	Pole and Line Fishing Only
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Largemouth Bass	12-15" Slot Length Limit (☆)
	Trout	Spring Closed Season (=)
	Trout	Fall Closed Season (×)
Silver Lake DuPage Co.	Trout	Spring Closed Season (=)
Silver Springs State Park Lake and Ponds Grundy Co.	All	Pole and Line Fishing Only
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Trout	Spring Closed Season (=)
	Trout	Fall Closed Season (×)
Sparta City Lakes Randolph Co.	All	Pole and Line Fishing Only
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Largemouth Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit
Spring Lake McDonough Co.	Str., Wht., Hyb. B (±)	3 Fish 17" or Longer Daily (✓)
Spring Lake (North and South) Tazwell Co.	All	Pole and Line Fishing Only
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Largemouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit

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Sterling Lake Forest Presv. District - Lake Co.	All Channel Catfish	Pole and Line Fishing Only 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Tampier Lake Forest Preserve District - Cook Co.	All Channel Catfish	Pole and Line Fishing Only 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Taylor Lake Forest Presv. District - Cook Co.	All Channel Catfish	Pole and Line Fishing Only 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Tecumseh Lake Hardin Co.	All Channel Catfish	Pole and Line Fishing Only 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Tomahawk Lake McHenry Co.	All Channel Catfish Largemouth Bass	Pole and Line Fishing Only 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit 3 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Turner Lake Lake Co.	All Channel Catfish Largemouth Bass	Pole and Line Fishing Only 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit 14" Minimum Length Limit
Tuscola City Lake Douglas Co.	All Channel Catfish Largemouth Bass	Pole and Line Fishing Only 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit 14" Minimum Length Limit
Villa Grove West Lake Douglas Co.	All Channel Catfish Largemouth Bass Trout	Pole and Line Fishing Only 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit 14" Minimum Length Limit Fall Closed Season (X)
Virginia City Reservoir Cass Co.	All Largemouth Bass	Pole and Line Fishing Only 15" Minimum Length Limit
Waddams Creek Stephenson Co.	Trout	Spring Closed Season (=)
Walnut Point Lake Douglas Co.	All Channel Catfish Largemouth Bass	Pole and Line Fishing Only 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit 12-15" Slot Length Limit (☆)
Warrior Lake McHenry Co.	All Channel Catfish Largemouth Bass	Pole and Line Fishing Only 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit 3 Fish Daily Creel Limit

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Washington County Lake	All	Pole and Line Fishing Only
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Largemouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit
	Str., Wht., Hyb. B (±)	3 Fish 17" or Longer Daily (✓)
Washington Park Pond Sangamon Co.	Trout	Spring Closed Season (=)
	Trout	Fall Closed Season (×)
Weinberg-King Pond Schuyler Co.	All	Pole and Line Fishing Only
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Weldon Springs Lake DeWitt Co.	All	Pole and Line Fishing Only
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Largemouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit
Whoopie Cat Lake Hardin Co.	All	Pole and Line Fishing Only
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Wilderness Lake McHenry Co.	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Largemouth Bass	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Wolf Lake Cook Co.	All	Pole and Line Fishing Only
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Largemouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit
	Walleye and Sauger	14" Minimum Length Limit
Woodford County Cons. Area (Fishing Ditch)	All	Pole and Line Fishing Only
Wright Woods Pond - Lake Co. Forest Presv. Dist.	All	Pole and Line Fishing Only
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Wyman Lake Moultrie Co.	All	Pole and Line Fishing Only
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Trout	Spring Closed Season (=)
Yellow Creek Stephenson Co.	Trout	Spring Closed Season (=)

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**CATCH AND RELEASE**

**A WORTHWHILE PROGRAM**





# TIPS ON RELEASING FISH

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1. Land the fish as quickly as possible — playing a fish to exhaustion diminishes its chance for survival.
2. Handle the fish as little as possible, but with wet hands only.
3. Whenever possible, remove the hook while the fish is still in the water. If you must boat the fish, immobilize it immediately, but remember, squeezing too hard may crush internal organs!
4. Avoid contact with gill areas.
5. A pair of needle nose pliers can help eliminate problems and speed up the hook removal process.
6. To immobilize bass, crappie, and other sunfish — use the lip-hold technique . . . insert your thumb inside the lower jaw of the fish and slide your forefinger against the outside of the lower lip.
7. To immobilize pike or musky — reach across the head with your thumb pressing against one gill cover and put your fingers against the other gill cover. *Do not* grip the fish by the eye sockets.
8. To release a deeply hooked fish, clip the line as close to the fish's mouth as possible. Research on deeply hooked trout and other species show that if the leader is clipped and the hook left undisturbed, nearly six times as many of those fish released survived. Please consider this when releasing undersize fish.
9. To revive a fish — hold it upright and move it back and forth (gently) so that water is forced over the gill fillaments. This process, like artificial respiration, may take awhile.

# SPORT FISH HEALTH ADVISORIES FOR ILLINOIS WATERS

Waterbody	Group 1 Lowest Level of Contaminants	Group 2 Moderate Level of Contaminants	Group 3 High Level of Contaminants
(See key at bottom of chart for specific health advice)			
Lake Michigan (1987 Advisory)	Lake trout up to 20" Coho salmon up to 26" Chinook salmon up to 21"  Brook trout Rainbow trout Pink salmon Smelt Perch	Lake trout 20-23" Coho salmon over 26"  Chinook salmon 21-32"  Brown trout up to 23"	Lake trout over 23"   Chinook salmon over 32" Brown trout over 23" Carp Catfish
(Applies to waters of the States of Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, and Wisconsin) 1988 Advisory for Lake Michigan not available at time of printing, contact Dept. of Public Health, 525 W. Jefferson, Springfield, IL 62761 for more information.			
Lake Springfield	White Crappie Carp under 10 lbs. Flathead Catfish under 1.5 lbs.	Largemouth Bass Bass over 15" Bigmouth Buffalo	Channel Catfish Carp over 10 lbs. Flathead Catfish over 1.5 lbs.
Lake Decatur		Channel Catfish Flathead Catfish Bigmouth Buffalo	
Lake Taylorville		Carp Channel Catfish Bigmouth Buffalo	
Clinton Lake		Channel Catfish	
Paris Twin Lakes		Channel Catfish	

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Mississippi River below Lock and Dam 22 downstream to Cairo, IL			Shovelnose Sturgeon and Sturgeon eggs
Mississippi River from St. Louis downstream to Cairo		Carp Catfish	
Des Plaines (Lockport to the Kankakee River)		Smallmouth buffalo Freshwater drum Channel catfish	
Des Plaines River at Lockport to Starved Rock Lock and Dam on Illinois River		Carp	

#### HEALTH KEY TO CHART ABOVE

**GROUP 1:** Contaminant levels in 10 percent or less of fish tested in this group exceed any FDA health standards. **EATING GROUP 1 FISH POSES THE LOWEST HEALTH RISK.**

**GROUP 2:** Contaminant levels in more than 10 percent but less than 50 percent of fish tested in this group exceeded one or more FDA health standards. **NURSING MOTHERS, PREGNANT WOMEN, WOMEN WHO ANTICIPATE BEARING CHILDREN, FEMALE CHILDREN OF ANY AGE, AND MALE CHILDREN AGE 15 OR UNDER SHOULD NOT EAT GROUP 2 FISH. ALL OTHER INDIVIDUALS SHOULD LIMIT THEIR CONSUMPTION OF THESE FISH, to no more than one meal per week, and heed the preparation and cooking recommendations given below.**

**GROUP 3:** Contaminant levels in 50 percent or more of fish tested in this group exceeded one or more FDA health standards. **NO ONE SHOULD EAT GROUP 3 FISH.**

#### PREPARATION AND COOKING RECOMMENDATIONS

Sport fish can be prepared and cooked in ways which will reduce the presence of fat soluble contaminants in the edible portion. These techniques include removal of the skin and fatty tissue associated with the belly, lateral line, and dorsal area of large fish and cooking by baking, broiling on a rack or barbecuing so the fatty oil can drip away from the finished meal.

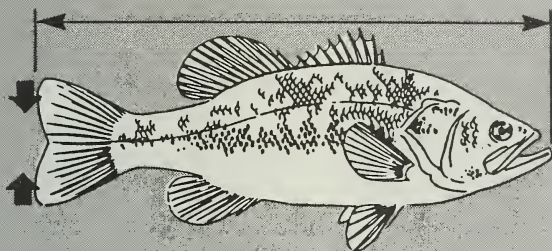


# GENERAL FISH FACTS

Species	Reproductive Age	Number of Eggs Per Female Min. - Max.	Number of Days to Hatch	Type of Reproduction	Average Life Span (Years)	Maximum Size (Weight)
Largemouth bass	2 yrs.	Min. 2,000 Max. 100,000	3-6	Nest	5-6	22 lbs. 4 oz.
Smallmouth bass	2 yrs.	Min. 2,000 Max. 21,000	3-5	Nest	5-6	11 lbs. 15 oz.
Northern pike	3 yrs.	Min. 2,000 Max. 600,000	12-14	Eggs scattered in marsh area	8-10	46 lbs. 2 oz.
Walleye	3 yrs.	Min. 35,000 Max. 615,000	12-18	Eggs scattered over rocks	10-12	25 lbs.
White bass	2 yrs.	Min. 18,000 Max. 970,000	2-5	Eggs scattered in flowing stream	3	5 lbs. 2 oz.
Yellow bass	2 yrs.	Min. 250,000 Max. 1,000,000	2-5	Eggs scattered over rocks	3-4	1 lbs.
Bluegill	1 yr.	Min. 2,300 Max. 67,000	5-10	Colony nesting	5-6	4 lbs. 12 oz.
Redear sunfish	1 yr.	Min. 2,000 Max. 10,000	5-10	Nest	5	2 lbs. 15 oz.
Black crappie	2 yrs.	Min. 11,000 Max. 180,000	5-8	Nest	4-6	5 lbs.
White crappie	2 yrs.	Min. 29,000 Max. 147,000	5-8	Nest	4	5 lbs. 3 oz.
Green sunfish	1 yr.	Min. 2,000 Max. 10,000	5-10	Colony nesting	5	1 lbs. 8 oz.
Warmouth	1 yr.	Min. 2,000 Max. 126,000	5-10	Nest	5	1 lbs.
Rock bass	1 yr.	Min. 2,000 Max. 11,000	5-10	Nest	4	3 lbs. 8 oz.
Pumpkinseed sunfish	1 yr.	Min. 600 Max. 2,900	5-10	Colony nesting	5-6	8 oz.
Yellow perch	1 yr.	Min. 5,800 Max. 48,000	12-21	Eggs adhesive bands in weeds	7-8	4 lbs. 3½ oz.
White sucker	1 yr.	Min. 26,000 Max. 140,000	14-21	Eggs scattered over rocks	7-8	5 lbs.
Channel catfish	3 yrs.	Min. 2,500 Max. 70,000	6-10	Nest	8	58 lbs.
Black bullhead	1 yr.	Min. 2,000 Max. 10,000	6-10	Nest	5-8	8 lbs.
Carp	2 yrs.	Min. 790,000 Max. 2,000,000	12	Eggs scattered in shallow water	7-8	55 lbs. 5 oz.

The figures given will vary according to growing season, environment, and individual fish.

# HOW TO MEASURE FISH



Use a flat board, close the mouth, and compress the tail.

## AVERAGE GROWTH RATE OF FISH IN ILLINOIS

SPECIES	AGE IN YEARS									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	TOTAL LENGTH IN INCHES									
Largemouth bass	6.3	9.0	11.6	13.5	15.8	17.4	18.9	19.8	20.3	20.7
Smallmouth bass	5.6	8.2	10.6	12.7	14.5	16.3	—	—	—	—
Northern pike	19.0	23.5	25.2	27.8	28.4	31.1	32.5	—	—	—
Walleye	10.1	13.2	15.5	17.6	19.3	22.1	24.6	—	—	—
White bass	6.8	9.5	11.3	13.0	15.1	16.5	—	—	—	—
Yellow bass	5.3	6.4	7.3	8.0	10.1	10.5	12.9	—	—	—
Bluegill	3.2	4.6	5.7	6.6	7.4	8.4	—	—	—	—
Redear sunfish	5.2	6.2	7.1	7.8	9.2	9.3	9.5	—	—	—
Black crappie	6.2	7.2	7.9	10.2	10.3	10.4	—	—	—	—
White crappie	5.3	7.2	8.3	10.6	12.2	—	—	—	—	—
Green sunfish	3.4	4.3	5.4	6.3	7.3	8.8	—	—	—	—
Warmouth	2.9	4.6	5.7	6.7	7.6	8.8	—	—	—	—
Rock bass	4.0	4.5	6.6	7.7	9.0	10.0	—	—	—	—
Pumpkinseed sunfish	3.5	4.4	5.3	5.6	6.4	—	—	—	—	—
Yellow perch	4.1	5.8	7.7	8.6	10.0	11.0	14.3	—	—	—
White sucker	6.7	9.7	12.1	13.6	17.9	—	—	—	—	—
Channel catfish	6.4	9.6	12.6	14.3	16.7	18.5	21.0	22.6	25.6	26.6
Black bullhead	2.7	5.2	6.0	6.7	7.2	8.0	8.5	9.7	10.4	—
Carp	7.8	12.9	14.1	15.0	16.0	17.3	21.3	26.0	32.2	35.3



# WORLD<sup>1</sup> AND ILLINOIS RECORD FISH

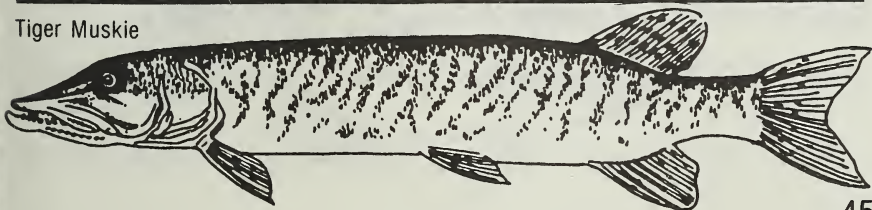
## As of November 10, 1987

Common Name	Weight	Date Caught	Place Caught	County
Bass, Largemouth	(Ill.) 13 lb. 1 oz. (World) 22 lb. 4 oz.	2/15/76 6/2/32	Stone Quarry Lake Montgomery Lake, Georgia	Lake
Bass, Rock	(Ill.) 1 lb. 9 oz. (World) 3 lb. 0 oz. (World) 3 lb. 0 oz.	5/22/68 8/1/74 6/13/79	Strip Mine Lake York River, Ontario Sugar Creek, Indiana	Grundy
Bass, Smallmouth	(Ill.) 6 lb. 7 oz. (World) 11 lb. 15 oz.	3/26/85 7/9/55	Strip Mine Dale Hollow Lake, Kentucky	Fulton
Bass, Spotted	(Ill.) 6 lb. 12 oz. (World) 8 lb. 15 oz.	6/3/82 3/18/78	Strip Pit Smith Lake, Alabama	Fulton
Bass, Striped	(Ill.) 21 lb. 8.8 oz. (World) 59 lb. 12 oz.	4/16/85 5/26/77	Big Muddy River Colorado River, Arizona	Jackson
Bass, Hybrid Striped	(Ill.) 15 lb. 4.8 oz. (World) 22 lb. 6 oz.	5/28/86 7/20/86	Heidecke Lake Savannah River, Georgia	Grundy
Bass, White	(Ill.) 4 lb. 14 oz. (World) 5 lb. 9 oz.	10/7/81 3/31/77	Kaskaskia River Colorado River, Texas	Clinton
Bass, Yellow	(Ill.) 1 lb. 13 oz. (World) 2 lb. 4 oz.	5/5/80 3/27/77	Strip Mine Pond Lake Monroe, Indiana	Fulton
Bluegill	(Ill.) 3 lb. 8 oz. (World) 4 lb. 12 oz.	5/10/87 4/9/50	Farm Pond Ketona Lake, Alabama	Jasper
Bowfin	(Ill.) 16 lb. 6 oz. (World) 21 lb. 8 oz.	9/23/84 1/29/80	Rend Lake Florence, South Carolina	Jefferson
Buffalo (Bigmouth) (Smallmouth)	(Ill.) 48 lb. 0 oz. (World) 70 lb. 5 oz. (World) 68 lb. 8 oz.	1936 4/21/80 5/16/84	Mississippi River Bussey Brake, Louisiana Lake Hamilton, Arkansas	
Buffalo, Black	(Ill.) 23 lb. 12 oz. (World) 52 lb. 0 oz.	7/27/84 9/22/85	Rock River Mississippi River, Wisconsin	Lee
Bullhead, Black	(Ill.) 4 lb. 10 oz. (World) 8 lb. 0 oz.	5/3/77 8/1/51	Virginia City Lake Lake Waccabuc, New York	Cass



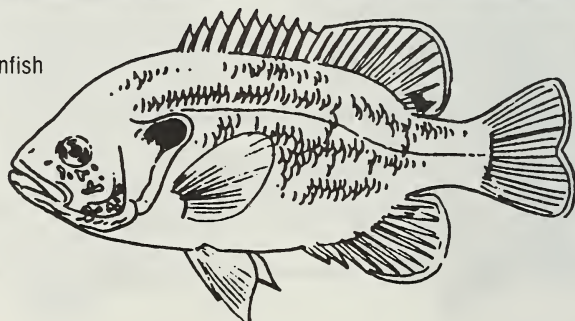
Common Name	Weight	Date Caught	Place Caught	County
Bullhead, Brown	(Ill.) 2 lb. 9 oz. (World) 5 lb. 8 oz.	4/14/85 5/22/75	Weldon Springs Veal Pond, Georgia	DeWitt
Bullhead, Yellow	(Ill.) 5 lb. 4 oz. (World) 4 lb. 4 oz.	1955 5/11/84	Fox River Mormon Lake, Arizona	
Carp	(Ill.) 42 lb. 0 oz. (World) 57 lb. 13 oz.	1928 6/19/83	Kankakee River Tidal Basin, Washington, D.C.	
Catfish, Blue	(Ill.) 65 lb. 0 oz. (Ill.) 65 lb. 0 oz. (World) 97 lb. 0 oz.	1956 1956 9/16/59	Alton Lake Alton Lake Missouri River, South Dakota	
Catfish, Channel	(Ill.) 45 lb. 4 oz. (World) 58 lb. 0 oz.	2/7/87 7/7/64	Baldwin Lake Sante Cooper Res., SC	Randolph
Catfish, Flathead	(Ill.) 60 lb. 8 oz. (World) 98 lb. 9 oz.	9/9/80 6/2/86	Lake Warren Lake Lewisville, Texas	Warren
Crappie, Black	(Ill.) 4 lb. 8 oz. (World) 6 lb. 0 oz.	5/15/76 11/28/69	Rend Lake Westwego Canal, Louisiana	Franklin
Crappie, White	(Ill.) 4 lb. 7 oz. (World) 5 lb. 3 oz.	4/8/73 7/31/57	Farm Pond Enid Dam, Mississippi	Morgan
Drum, Freshwater	(Ill.) 35 lb. 0 oz. (World) 54 lb. 8 oz.	1960 4/20/72	DuQuoin City Lake Nickajack Lake, Tennessee	Perry
Goldeye	(Ill.) 1 lb. 12 oz. (World) 3 lb. 4 oz.	4/23/84 7/3/83	Kankakee River Missouri River, South Dakota	Grundy
Muskellunge	(Ill.) 28 lb. 0 oz. (World) 69 lb. 15 oz.	10/21/79 9/22/57	Beaver Lake St. Lawrence River, New York	Grundy
Muskie, Tiger	(Ill.) 24 lb. 1 oz. (World) 51 lb. 3 oz.	5/28/86 7/16/19	Shabbona Lake Lake Vieux Desert, WS/MI	DeKalb

Tiger Muskie



Common Name		Weight	Date Caught	Place Caught	County
Northern Pike	(Ill.)	22 lb. 12 oz.	9/19/76	Lake Marie	Lake
	(World)	55 lb. 15 oz.	12/9/79	Lipno Reservoir, Czechoslovakia	
Paddlefish	(Ill.)	52 lb. 0 oz.	5/7/77	Mississippi River below	Jo Daviess
	(World)	No Record Established		Lock & Dam 12	
Perch, Yellow	(Ill.)	2 lb. 8¾ oz.	1/5/74	Arrowhead Club Lake	Will
	(World)	4 lb. 3½ oz.	5/18/65	Bordentown, New Jersey	
Salmon, Atlantic	(Ill.)	18 lb. 1¼ oz.	5/26/79	Lake Michigan	Cook
	(World)	79 lb. 2 oz.	1928	Tana River, Norway	
Salmon, Chinook	(Ill.)	37 lb. 0 oz.	8/7/76	Lake Michigan	Lake
	(World)	97 lb. 4 oz.	5/17/85	Kenai River, Alaska	
Salmon, Coho	(Ill.)	20 lb. 9 oz.	5/24/72	Lake Michigan	Lake
	(World)	31 lb. 0 oz.	10/11/47	Cowichan Bay, B.C.	
Salmon, Pink	(Ill.)	3 lb. 0 oz.	9/8/85	Lake Michigan	Lake
	(World)	12 lb. 9 oz.	8/17/84	Moose/Kenai Rivers, Alaska	
Sauger	(Ill.)	5 lb. 12½ oz.	7/30/67	Mississippi River	Jo Daviess
	(World)	8 lb. 12 oz.	10/6/71	Lake Sakakawea, North Dakota	
Sauger-Walleye Hybrid	(Ill.)	5 lb. 6.24 oz.	10/25/87	Ill. River	LaSalle Co.
	(World)	No Record	Established		
Sturgeon, Shovelnose	(Ill.)	5 lb. 2.24 oz.	4/30/82	Rock River	Whiteside
	(World)	11 lb. 4 oz.	6/6/86	Missouri River, S.D.	
Sunfish, Green	(Ill.)	2 lb. 1 oz.	6/28/81	Farm Pond	DeWitt
	(World)	2 lb. 2 oz.	6/18/71	Stockton Lake, Missouri	
	(World)	2 lb. 2 oz.	5/28/61	Cherokee Co. Pit, Kansas	

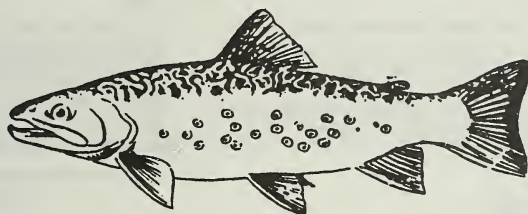
Green Sunfish





Common Name	Weight	Date Caught	Place Caught	County
Sunfish, Hybrid	(Ill.) 2 lb. 4 oz. (World) 1 lb. 3 oz.	5/11/74 4/6/86	Farm Pond Wallen Pond, MS	Bond
Sunfish, Redear	(Ill.) 2 lb. 12.3 oz. (World) 4 lb. 13 oz.	9/7/85 3/13/86	Marion C.C. Lake Merritt's Pond, FL	Williamson

Brook Trout



Trout, Brook	(Ill.) 4 lb. 1 oz. (World) 14 lb. 8 oz.	11/29/70 7/19/16	Lake Michigan Nipigon R., Ontario	Cook
Trout, Brown	(Ill.) 28 lb. 8 oz. (World) 34 lb. 6 oz.	5/2/75 5/16/84	Lake Michigan Arcadia, Bar Lake, Michigan	Cook
Trout, Lake	(Ill.) 24 lb. 13 oz. (World) 65 lb. 0 oz.	8/15/84 8/8/70	Lake Michigan Great Bear Lake, N.W.T.	Lake
Trout, Rainbow	(Ill.) 24 lb. 13 oz. (World) 27 lb. 3 oz.	5/24/85 5/3/84	Lake Michigan Ganaraski River, Ontario, Canada	Lake
Trout, Tiger	(Ill.) 8 lb. 12½ oz. (World) 20 lb. 13 oz.	6/26/77 8/12/78	Lake Michigan Lake Michigan, Wisconsin	Cook
Walleye	(Ill.) 14 lb. 0 oz. (World) 25 lb. 0 oz.	1961 8/1/60	Kankakee River Old Hickory Lake, Tennessee	
Warmouth	(Ill.) 1 lb. 13 oz. (World) 2 lb. 7 oz.	5/22/71 10/19/86	Farm Pond Yellow River, FL	Cumberland

\*Previous record was broken by Martin D. Carter, Enfield, 2 lbs. 10.5 oz. at Farm Pond, Hamilton Co.

†World Records from 1985 Edition *National Fresh Water Fishing Hall of Fame*.



# ILLINOIS SPORT FISHING AWARDS

## RULES

1. Fish must be caught by pole and line from Illinois waters. Fish caught by trotline, jugs, bank poles, nets, seines, and snagging are ineligible.
2. Fish caught from fee fishing areas are not eligible.
3. The fish must be weighed in the presence of two witnesses (not relatives) and should be weighed to the nearest ounce on scales legal for trade. (Grocer scales, butcher scales)
4. The total length of the fish must be measured to the nearest 1/8 of an inch. The total length is from the snout, mouth closed, to the end of the tail.
5. Anyone who thinks he has a State Record Fish must have it positively identified by a Department of Conservation Fishery Biologist.
6. A clear, black and white, lateral view photograph of the fish must accompany the entry. The Department of Conservation must have permission to publish the photograph.
7. The Illinois Department of Conservation reserves the right to investigate and check the identification, the methods used in catching, and the accuracy of measurement and weight before accepting the entry. The Illinois Department of Conservation also reserves the right to reject an entry.
8. All entries must be submitted within 90 days of being caught.

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A Big Fish Shoulder Patch and Certificate (suitable for framing) will be awarded to those anglers who catch any of the fish listed below, that equal or exceed the minimum weight specified.

A Shoulder Patch and Engraved Wall Plaque will be awarded to the angler who catches a fish of the species listed bigger than the current State record.

## MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SPECIES TO BE ENTERED

Species	Minimum Pounds	Weight Ounces
Largemouth Bass .....	7	0
Smallmouth Bass .....	3	8
Spotted Bass .....	3	8
White Bass .....	2	12
Yellow Bass .....	1	0
Striped Bass .....	15	0
Hybrid Striped Bass ....	8	0
Northern Pike .....	15	0
Muskie .....	15	0
Tiger Muskie .....	15	0
Walleye .....	6	0
Sauger .....	3	0
Yellow Perch .....	1	4
Bluegill .....	1	8
Redear .....	1	8
Green Sunfish .....	1	8
Rock Bass .....	1	0
Warmouth .....	1	0
Other Sunfish .....	1	0
Hybrid Sunfish .....	1	8
White Crappie .....	3	0
Black Crappie .....	3	0
Channel Catfish .....	17	0

Species	Minimum Pounds	Weight Ounces
Blue Catfish .....	30	0
Flathead Catfish .....	30	0
Black Bullhead .....	2	4
Yellow Bullhead .....	2	4
Brown Bullhead .....	2	4
Coho Salmon .....	15	0
Chinook Salmon .....	33	0
Kokanee Salmon .....	1	0
Pink Salmon .....	2	0
Atlantic Salmon .....	5	0
Lake Trout .....	15	0
Brown Trout .....	20	0
Rainbow Trout .....	15	0
Brook Trout .....	2	0
Tiger Trout .....	3	0
Splake .....	2	0
Carp .....	20	0
Bowfin .....	8	0
Freshwater Drum .....	10	0
Paddlefish .....	20	0
Smallmouth Buffalo .....	20	0
Bigmouth Buffalo .....	20	0
Shovelnose Sturgeon ....	2	0

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# **PUBLICATIONS ON FISHING AND FISHERIES MANAGEMENT**

## **AVAILABLE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION DIVISION OF FISHERIES**

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### **FISHERIES MANAGEMENT:**

1. "Management of Small Lakes and Ponds in Illinois"
2. "Aquatic Weeds — Their Identification and Methods of Control"

### **AREAS TO FISH:**

3. "Recreational Areas Guide"

### **GENERAL FISHING:**

4. "What Fish is This?"
5. "Guide to Eating Illinois Sport Fish"
6. "1987 Fishing Prospects"

### **FISHING GUIDES:**

7. "Fishing Lake Michigan"
8. "Fox Chain O'Lakes Access Areas and Fishing Guide"
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